

President receives lifetime achievement award

By COURTNEY BROWN

Conestoga College's president, John Tibbits, was the man of the hour on March 24 when he was honored as the winner of a lifetime achievement award from the Cambridge Chapter of Commerce.

Tibbits was originally scheduled to attend another banquet that same night but was told that the college was receiving a big reward and he had to be on hand. Tibbits did not know that the award was actually for his presidency.

It is nice to be recognized.
— John Tibbits

Tibbits recalls sitting in the audience listening to the description of the winner and thinking to himself, "That sounds like me, little facts that dated from 1987 that no one else would know about."

He was surprised not only by the award, but that the director of the president's office knew that he was receiving it.

Constituted of praise, he said his first thought was that he did not have a speech prepared.

"It is short on most of items, what do you do? I mean, draw a few remarks on a piece of paper and that was my speech," said Tibbits.

"It is nice to be recognized not only as an individual but for the college too. It was very touching," said a surprised Tibbits as he recalled the standing ovation he received when he accepted his award.

The award was one of 21 that chamber handed out during its annual Commerce Excellence Awards dinner.

Over the course of Tibbits' 15-year career — the record for the longest-standing president at 10 years — he has a lot of memorable accomplishments. These include the college getting degree granting status, becoming accredited in the engineering program, implementing co-op and international programs and improving the new expansion of the Prince and the new Cambridge campus in Fountains Road, which will hold 1,000 engineering, information technology and food processing students when it opens in September.

"We have improved the rep-



Photo by Courtney Brown

Conestoga College president John Tibbits, was the recipient of a lifetime achievement award from the Cambridge Chapter of Commerce on March 24.

reputation of the college, we've grown as a team and we will continue to make this a better college," said Tibbits.

"We've grown dramatically in meeting the needs of the community and have developed good relationships along the way."

These are always setbacks,

Police warn of fraud

Police are warning of a rental scam involving off-campus students housing properties. The Waterloo Regional Police Service fraud branch has received a number of calls from students attempting to rent or sublet their off-campus apartments for the summer, who are being approached by distributors on the Internet.

Typically the landlord will agree to rent a property but indicate that one of the money and will have some one other than themselves forward a cheque or bank draft to cover the rent. The landlord will then direct the money to a third party, usually in the United Kingdom. When the student goes to deposit the required cheque, it turns out to be worthless.

This scam targets people who advertise on the Internet that they will have a student apartment available shortly.

Police advise people to be wary of advanced payments for rent, which makes them vulnerable to fraud and spend upon price.

Anyone with a concern or question can contact the fraud branch at 518-555-7766, ext. 5350.

U of W prof seeks election as independent

By TARA BROWN

Richard Walsh-Burnett is running for MP for Cambridge-Waterloo as a politician that includes taking Canada out of NATO, free post-secondary education and longer term economic thinking that harmonizes with the environment.

The University of Waterloo psychology professor says there is no reason the post-secondary education costs to be going up at all.

Part secondary at the level of colleges and universities is becoming unaffordable due to either tuition costs and secondary fees. This has happened because of the cutbacks imposed by the federal governments of Jean Chrétien, when Paul Martin was finance minister, and Walsh-Burnett. "This should be the state of post-secondary education in Canada and the student's experience."

This isn't necessary. There are countries in the world, such as Norway, where tuition is free. The state pays

it as an investment in its future," he said. "Canada, over a five-year period, should work towards getting tuition down to 0."

The website lists his key issues that drive his campaign. They are the environment, where he would like to push the Canadians to adopt the moral equivalent of a war economy to push for more ecological living, the economy, where he pushes for capital regulation, maintaining trade and sharing down some of Canada's more ecologically damaging industries such as forest, including cutting timber for post-secondary education, and more money toward social housing, international relations, workplace removing Canada from NATO, supporting a democratically elected UN Security Council, and putting Omar Khadr back to Canada, and free for Canadian driver's rights regulations, including getting on closed roads and moving toward a proportional representation system.

He said that some of his

economic views strong, but that he would be reforming if we want to survive.

His opponents include

Conservative incumbent Peter Brant, Liberal Andrew Sheppard and Green Party candidate Cindy MacLean. The

MSP candidate had not yet been elected as of press time. His website can be found at www.richardwalsh.com.

Congratulations! Al Logan Memorial Award Winner



Stephanie Den Haan
Health Informatics Management,
Year 2



Liam Newfield
Early Childhood Education,
Year 2

The Al Logan Memorial Award is given to a Conestoga student who displays warmth and responsiveness in caring for and enriching the lives of a student or group of students.



Vote intelligently

By RONALD LUTTEN

Stephen Harper's Conservative government has final-ly called a federal election for May 2.

The voter turnout will most likely be even lower than the dismal performance of past elections.

Despite the parties having been in campaign mode for more than a year now, it is quite possible that many voters who missed the call to arms don't even know there is an election coming or when to vote. For those who are aware of the election and intend to vote, now is the time to start figuring out who to vote for.

For those who aren't aware, I have a simple solution. Don't vote.

Don't vote if you think the election is just a popularity contest. Don't vote if you don't know the names. Don't vote if you don't care.

In Australia it is compulsory for all voters to vote in an election. If they don't, they get fined. How smart might?

Uninformed voters are not needed. They will skew the vote and cancel out the thoughtful votes of others.

The least the election organizers could do is have a better choice of "I abstain" or "None of the above" for those who have to vote but don't care. The only thing Australian voters can do for now is spend their ballot.

What the government needs instead is a policy where the voters get paid for voting. However, first they have to answer a civil-testing question about the candidates, share parties and their policies.

Here is the best way to vote intelligently without taking a lot of others and time.

First, figure out what interests you are most interested in. Is it the environment, the economy, inflation, chance of employment?

Write sure it is what you need and not what you want. The difference is important.

Then find where all the parties stand on the issues that interests you. Find the facts and assess the situation. This includes how the interest concern are displayed in different ways with a minimum of regard to space them.

Check the party websites where they lay out their policies. Figure out how high on these agenda your area of interest is. Find out how well your local candidate supports the party policy you are interested in. How high is it on their agenda?

Five to 10 minutes on the Internet should tell you what you want to know. Now you have a good basis to go on, to go out and vote. If it's don't waste the opportunity. Make democracy work.

The voters herein represent the position of the newspaper, not necessarily the author.



The first show in Charles Sherr's live tour had disastrous results.

Coming out on a serious issue

What would you say if I, or one of your closest friends, came out of the closet? Would you be judge, mentor, shocked or maybe just one night depressed?

Who knows, maybe you'd be one of the few to give your full support.

And so I'm eager that it's not why would it matter? I'm a free thinker that believes everyone has the right to do what makes them happy as long as it doesn't harm others.

So, why is it that in today's society being gay is still frowned upon? Don't you see wrong, there has been a lot of progress made. Schools now have gay leaders, laws are and transgender roles, including Chastity, which forced a shift in 2009.

But why is there an anger every time a gay couple find love, like a man to get married? A lot of people are probably thinking "Oh man, another? That's a mess!" But, when it comes to a gay thing another day, there's a double standard. If you don't like it, look your head and your own eyes because there's no need for harmful weapons.



Marcus Matthews
Opinion

In February, an article appeared in the Western Region Record by Derek Miller. It's a story about a mother who thought about her five-year-old son and the fact that he might be gay. Other mothers refused her for letting her son dress up as a girl for Halloween. The big word used and talked over was called abuse. I guess that mother by taking a stand.

In today's society, there's a more prejudice and discrimination than you can ever imagine, but the truth is most are only aware of the status machine we're in. In 2010, at a video Montreal's lesbian prime at Salma Said, herself. Governor, who is popular for being an MTV's hot reality show, A Shot at Love with The Tenille, made headlines after leaving her girlfriend.

Society was told by these and the two females were asked to stop or else they'd be kicked out.

I don't know about you, but when I'm in a place there's usually a double message such as and that they're asked to stop. So, why aren't these two girls taken allowed to do the same? They're human, they have the same rights and feelings and should have the same rights and love. Again, there's a double standard.

I'm not going to lie, I used to be against gay and made a lot of male and stupid remarks when I was young and immature. Being young, especially in the past has allowed me to learn from my mistakes.

Love is a beautiful thing and who we are, and who we are, to judge a more gender relationship.

I'm 100 per cent in support of the LGBTQ community and when you will be in a sick and tired of being judged and hurt. It's never too late to have a change of heart.

And, if you're gay or lesbian, I hope this message you to come out.

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Doon avoids 'disaster'

By ROBERT DOON

After the shock from a much chemical spill was cooled, event organizers and professionals gathered in Conestoga's blue room to stage a mock press conference and discuss the day's events.

Speakers at the conference treated the meeting seriously and many of the media's questions went unanswered. According to the various speakers, one person "died" and 10-15 patients were hospitalized. Four two individuals were taken to hospital to have their injuries treated. It took the team of students and professional partners about two and a half hours to get the situation under control.

After the press conference, Conestoga president John Tibbels took the podium to acknowledge participants on a job well done. According to Tibbels, this is the largest event of its type to occur in Ontario.

"Maybe we should have Conestoga here," he said. "He should be wasn't only way to the town."

Kitchener city councillors Barry Whitmore, Yvonne Fernandez and Don Glenn Graham also attended the conference. Whitmore spoke to the crowd and stressed the importance of the partnership between students and professionals in the community.

"It's one of the things that make this community special," he said.

The simulation didn't just help Conestoga students gain valuable experience, it also helped Kitchener's emergency response team gain insight into the resources and manpower that would be required if an accident like this were to occur.

Kitchener fire captain Jeff Palmer thanked the student participants and compensated them on making the event a "huge success, holy crap" incident.



PHOTO BY ROBERT DOON AND SHAWN DOON

Conestoga's Doon campus was the site of a hazardous materials spill simulation. Students and professionals alike worked hard to quell the chaos and save for "victims." The simulation helped to prepare the community's emergency services, in case a similar incident ever occurs.





PHOTO BY BARBARA SCHWARTZ

Maple syrup tacks were not the only snacks on sale at the Elmore Maple Syrup Festival on April 2. There were lots of other goodies, including candy apples. The festival attracted 80,000 people to the town, and also featured a pancake breakfast and pancake-flipping contest.

Maple syrup festival a sweet success

By BARBARA SCHWARTZ

Do you consider yourself a "snoozy person?" If not, the Elmore Maple Syrup Festival will turn you into one. On April 2, approximately 80,000 people crowded on Elmore roads to experience every thing that the festival had to offer.

By 7 a.m. the roads were lined up, the sidewalks had been stepped and the street in Elmore was overflowing with people. There was something for everyone at the festival, as hundreds of vendors and attractions lined the streets of downtown Elmore.

"I come to the maple syrup festival every year," said Heather Wheeler, a festival attendee. "The vendors sell as much stuff as I can get my hands to buy it all. I love the food, the barrel races and all the other funked games that my friends bring to the festival has to be the best maple syrup."

There were gallons of the sticky stuff at the festival, and lots of other yummy treats. If attendees weren't in

line to purchase maple syrup, many could be found in the pancake tent.

The pancake attraction was packed with people taking a break to munch on hot French golden pancakes. Located behind the Main and Pine Streets, fans waited for hours to get a taste of their favorite tasty treat.

"It's just been so busy," said Michelle Davis, a volunteer cook at the pancake tent. "I have been flipping pancakes for hours and the people just keep coming. It's been so crowded and the line has only gotten longer."

Other attractions such as the sugar bowl races, the Quilt and Craft Show and the pancake flipping contest, also proved to be crowd favorites. For those attendees who brought their appetites, many others were eager to promote their homemade treats. Juicy turkey legs, giant golden on a stick and roasted corn on the cob were only some of the treats that were available to hungry visitors.

According to the Elmore

Maple Syrup Festival's web site, www.elmoremaplesyrup.com, the town organized their first festival on April 10, 1980. Organizers had hoped for a crowd of 2,500, however, 10,000 people showed up to celebrate maple syrup.

In 2000, the Elmore Maple Syrup Festival was named by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest maple syrup festival in the world. Visitors from many different countries arrived, including Australia, Europe, Mexico and the United States.

Arthur Street, the main street in Elmore, was over flowing with people all day. "People were still coming in at two o'clock in buses to sample treats from 'Wheeler's' and Cheryl Peterson, president of the Elmore Maple Syrup Festival, is an article in The Waterloo Region Record.

More information regarding the Elmore Maple Syrup Festival can be found on their website, www.elmoremaplesyrup.com.



Visitors were happy to sample hearty festival favorites with their homemade food. A popular choice was the pancake breakfast, that attracted a group of people.



Thousands of people got in line and waited hours to purchase maple syrup. Fortunately, there was plenty to go around.



The streets of Elmore were packed during the annual maple syrup festival. Those in attendance were eager to enjoy mouth-watering treats, handcrafted items and old-fashioned games.

Conestoga professor wants to see change

By PAUL MURPHY

A Conestoga engineering professor has taken a structural problem with the Canadian government, and he wants to fix it.

Stephen George Cook, a mechanical engineering professor who has been teaching for 24 years, converted to Roman Catholicism. MP Stephen Woodworth is put forward a grant to member's bill to bring the Apostolic constitution to Canada.

The Apostolic constitution is an agreement between Rome and Canada to simplify the process of handling documents between countries.

"Basically, in every country, there are copy documents that are valid within the country, but not outside," said George Cook. "For example, birth certificates."

As it stands currently, says Cook, entering or leaving Canada has to first pass through the Minister of Foreign Affairs, if its equivalent, in both countries to be translated and confirmed, which can be an expensive and long process.

Signing on to the Apostolic constitution, which has 55 regulatory countries, would simplify the process, allowing Canada to automatically not document from regulatory countries by streamlining the recognition process.

"If I want my document currently, to be used in other countries, I have to get it translated and confirmed," he said.

He added that 500,000 Canadian documents are every year are processed outside Canada.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (in Canada) doesn't

charge for these documents, but the foreign embassy usually will. This can cost \$50 per document and process and takes time," he said. "The United States, which has signed an, usually charges about \$5 for internal documents. I estimate that \$15 million leaves the country every year because of this. Why not simplify? Why not get rid of it?"

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— Stephen George Cook

George Cook went to Canada 24 years ago, to work for the Canadian Customs ship of Nations (Canada's Customs), where he was frustrated for not being a citizen. He said that dealing with the bureaucracy between the two countries required him to work to find a better way.

"I had to get a document here myself," he said. "I wondered if there was a better way. I got on just out of passing for this, but I look at the money that is spent and wasted. I don't like it."

"I have friends in the west. He follows wants to get a divorce, then get a passport, then get a visa, and then he deals with a lawyer who looks at it and puts a fee of \$1,000 on it."

Canada, especially, has a lot of serious national apostolic because it is a federal state

with a lot of power at the provincial level. He said that signing on to the Apostolic constitution would allow the federal government to streamline bureaucratic processes between the provinces.

"An agreement with the provinces might take 20 years in the meantime, the government is doing this for free, and the money to pass the document," he said. "On and on... if the provinces want a different way from this, then they can deal with it. In the meantime you have a Canadian apostolic."

The bill was supposed to go to Parliament, but with the fall of the Harper government, it died on the table.

"Stephen Woodworth has the advantage of already knowing something about it, but I will work with whoever is MP when the election," said George Cook.



Stephen George Cook, a Conestoga engineering professor, works with a machine that takes precise measurements. George Cook is working to convince Canada to sign the Apostolic constitution.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: A Good Night's Sleep

Is stress causing you to lose sleep? Having a sleep problem can affect your mood, ability to concentrate and energy level. No matter which cause first, the stress or the insomnia, improving your sleep can improve your ability to cope with daily stresses.

The most common sleep problems include sleep onset insomnia (taking more than an hour to fall asleep), sleep maintenance insomnia (frequent awakenings and difficulty returning to sleep at night) and early morning awakenings. Others include hypnic jerms (sleeping too much), sleep apnea (sawing snoring) and restless leg syndrome (leg discomfort and jerking).

These tips may help improve your sleep:

- Avoid over-the-counter sleeping medication, drugs and alcohol. These may help you to fall asleep, but can disrupt normal sleeping patterns and leave you sleepier during the day.
- Establish a standard bedtime. Go to bed within an hour of the same time each night to avoid "jet lag."
- Don't go to bed too early. If you're trying to get to bed earlier, don't change your bedtime drastically. If you're having trouble falling, go to bed a half-hour to an hour before the time you normally get to sleep, and then gradually go to bed earlier (e.g. by half an hour a week).
- Set a standard rising time. Help set your internal clock by resisting the temptation to sleep in on weekends.
- Save your bedroom for sleep. Avoid activities inconsistent with sleeping in your bed. Don't study, work, talk on the telephone or watch television in bed to help associate the bed with sleeping.
- Create a good sleep environment. For most people, a good sleeping temperature falls between 18°C to 21°C. Avoid noise problems by using earplugs, soundproofing the room or creating white noise with a fan.
- Avoid napping during the day. This can disrupt your ability to get to sleep at night.
- Prepare for sleep. Avoid strenuous activity, exercise, heavy meals and bright light for at least an hour before bedtime.
- Practice breathing or relaxation strategies when attempting to get to sleep.
- Thinking about problems or planning for the next day does not help you get to sleep.

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March 21 - April 19

Rising gas prices will force you to turn at your car for an old favourite. A home will bugger.



Libra

September 23 - October 23

You will find religion when you take up worship of the triple-headed fish god.



Taurus

April 20 - May 20

An old flame will visit, using your late date work, to look like an episode of a daytime soap. Your grandma will put an you to stop other repeating her stories.



Gemini

May 21 - June 21

You will enjoy some new car cooking. You'll add some meat to your packaged casseroles.



Cancer

June 22 - July 22

A pleasant walk will result in an adventure, as you wander and up in some town Calgary.



Leo

July 23 - August 23

You will invent a new dance move called The Flax. This will not be intentional. Make good use of your Internet superstitions.



Virgo

August 23 - September 23

You will wake up with your hair turned pure white and will be forced to join a rap port group.



Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

A prank will go horribly awry, and your phasing Vanities on your radio music's download will result in the condemnation of your banding.



Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

Your destined attempt to take over the country will be discovered by the British secret service. Good thing they don't have paratroopers, eh?



Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

You will get hooked on a new television show where it you say with a strange job helps police solve crimes.



Aquarius

January 20 - February 19

Someone using their phone at the bus will finally push you over the edge. Charges of assault with a weapon (a cell phone) are pending.



Pisces

February 20 - March 20

You will find a very long cat. You won't be able to keep it in your house. It is very, very long.

Winter giveaway pays off

By STEVE HARRIS

After intensely watching some of their debate for eight long weeks, students, staff and faculty can rest easy for now because the Great Winter Giveaway Contest has been in an end.

Approximately 95 or more worth of food from the main cafeteria or from the Banquet Cafe on campus received a scratch card.

Items available to be won included one of the 20000 lotto, the silver high definition TV, the iPod, five \$200 cash prizes, 4000 lunches and 6000 beer beverages all supplied by Campus Group Canada.

It was a national contest across all Campus Group Canada accounts, not just colleges, and Charville's food service director Karen Dunn. "This was the first of its kind."

Contests was lucky enough to have many winners throughout the long run of the contest. The biggest winner was programming funds.



WINNERS OF THE GREAT WINTER GIVEAWAY CONTEST

Programming funds was the prize won by food service director Karen Dunn in the main cafeteria on March 24.

Another student, Daniel Melnikov, who was presented with a \$200 cheque on March 20 by Dunn, Chad Kil Kington and Carol Gregory, director of student development, on behalf of Campus Group Canada.

Signatures of the cheque

presentation in the main table at 1:30 p.m. received five cash prizes and donations.

Many other Campus Group Canada students who had a chance of winning their tickets. Two had won and three free lunches were given away as well as 300 free beverages.



Be environmental. Recycle and please to reuse.

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Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22.



Earth Day



Paul Irvine carefully examines the stars and then ignores them for amusement.

Buy some art, save a turtle

By EMILY GRANT

An art station is a great place to enjoy food, the company of others and the talented work of artists and on April 19 in the Kitchener, it will also be a place you can help save the turtles.

Turtle Haven and Edna Fine Arts Gallery are teaming up to create an art station fundraiser that will support the turtle wildlife of Waterloo Region.

Digital art, signed and limited edition prints, sculptures, ceramic, jewelry, sports memorabilia and indigenous prints and carvings will be up for auction, as well as some unique donations.

With a \$10 ticket, guests can enjoy a glass of wine and appetizers in addition to the artwork that is up for sale.

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Art is practical, enjoyable and always a good investment.

— Drew Ripley, section co-ordinator for Edna Fine Arts Gallery

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Tickets are available at Edna Fine Arts Gallery and at the door.

With the funds raised, Turtle Haven hopes to establish a nature and rehab centre for the wildlife of the region. This non-profit organization is currently dedicated to protecting and providing shelter for unwanted pet mice (snakes) that would otherwise be released into the wildland where they wouldn't likely survive. The foundation is also involved in educating people about the dangers that native wildlife face.

"About five years ago I became involved with working with local vets to help unwanted native turtles and provide refuge for them as they can be released back to the wild," said Angie Kitchner, the founder of Turtle Haven.

Love of turtles and shell inspires contribute to the drive along number of this species. It is hoped the art station will help raise much needed support for the help that the turtles and other native species of the region require.

Edna Fine Arts started our selling art station fundraiser in 1995, and has helped over 30 different organizations besides Turtle Haven since

money more than

"Art stations are a fantastic way to raise money for charity by they are an exciting, entertaining and impressive social event that can be personalized to meet the needs and tastes of the charity's audience," said Drew Ripley, the section co-ordinator for Edna Fine Arts Gallery.

The Kitchener-based company currently has a very diverse inventory including original works, limited editions, signed prints, reproductions and indigenous art of both Canadian and international origin. Selling art may seem like a unique way to raise money for a cause, but it is also an effective way.

"Through the five years, raising \$3,000 to \$5,000 is reasonable," said Ripley. "Art is practical, enjoyable and always a good investment. When the art station event is over, the charity will have raised funds and sometimes for their cause, and perhaps will have something beautiful and unique to retain for their support."

The gallery is located at 801 Frederick St. in Kitchener.

Great idea, questionable name

By MAREY LEBERKOW

They worked hard for the attention, but did these women attract the right kind?

On April 3, women wearing black stockings and high heels participated in what they called a "shit walk" in Toronto. They were protesting a comment made last in January by a Toronto police officer on how women could avoid rape if they didn't dress like " sluts."

The comment reflects a big problem in the justice system. In many cases, victims have been ostracized for the way they dressed. If police are blaming rape victims for what happened to them, women will become reluctant to report sexual assaults. Those committed the crime should be ostracized, not the victims.

This is a big problem and I am glad someone is speaking out, especially in such a dramatic way. These outrageous comments need to be addressed, as the way of thinking will become acceptable and then it just may die.

The women, and some men, showed great marching in

front of police headquarters in each state. These demonstrations were more to turn heads, but not entirely for the better.

I'm not sure the title "shit walk" was appropriate. The term "shit" is generally applied to women as an insult or offensive term meaning dirty. Whether that's the look they were going for to prove something or not, I think the protest could have been more effective with a different name.

I hope this event caught the attention of the right people, in a good way of course. Despite the questionable name, it provided a powerful message in a very serious situation.



Photo by Michael Leberkowitz

Ryan Connell, a Student Life program officer, has a similar concern as students protesting by the Shit Walk, held on March 28. The event was part of Student Life's Respect Week.

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Conestoga students rock the Sanctuary

By Ryan Hughes

From Conestoga Lounge to country music and guitar, Conestoga students for a Open Mic contest had a little bit of everything.

Students packed the Sanctuary March 26 to be entertained by their peers in the annual CSD competition. Seven Conestoga students participated in the hour-long show, most of them displaying their guitar and vocal skills.

"It brings people together to see your fellow students talents," said CSD vice-president Mario Kaplan during the contest. "Especially with exams going on, it's a really good stress reliever."

Second-year journalism broadcast student Patrick Finnegan '01 proved to be the big winner. Finnegan played and sang "The Right to Life" on Sunshine and Shadow of the Day by Larkin Park on the acoustic guitar. His high energy performance won over the crowd and the live event star-



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Open Mic contest winner Patrick Finnegan '01, male, not white, performing in the Sanctuary March 26. The second-year journalism student was one of seven Conestoga students to take part in the annual CSD contest.

ting students who served as judges for the contest.

"I enjoyed the experience. It's always a good time getting up

and putting out some tunes,"

said Finnegan after the show. "I was not aware at first that there would be judges and sub-

sequently prizes awarded. The fact I was being judged at first made me a little nervous, but then I said screw it" and just

had a blast.

Finnegan's second place was first year business major, once student Jon Webb '00 who, while also surprised by the presence of judges, had other issues going into the contest.

"My other guitars broke on my last night," Webb admitted while his three song set. "That it was a good time."

The grand prize for Finnegan was a cash \$100. The third-year male, as well, taught and has been playing guitar on and off the stage in 15 years. He's recently become serious, adding bass and drums to his skill set. He rehearses with his band, Dark Night weekly.

"I have always loved playing and have come to appreciate the skill involved in putting on in front of people and playing your heart out," said Finnegan. "Music has always been a huge part of my life and in the back of my head I will always hope that someday I will be a rock star."

On the day of the Open Mic contest, tension was completely

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